GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Prosecution – AIS - Sri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari District, Eluru - Sanction under Section 199 (4) (b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for filing complaint by the Public Prosecutor in a competent court of law against the Editor of 'Sakshi' daily Newspaper for publishing baseless allegation against him Accorded – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMN.(SC-E)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.868. Dated:20-04-2018

Read:

From Sri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, W.G. Dist., Eluru, D.O.Lr.No.A4/34/2018 (e-1264353), dt.04-4-2018.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, Sri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, W.G. Dist., Eluru, has submitted that a series of adverse news items have been published in 'Sakshi' daily Newspaper from 13-3-2018 to 16-3-2018 under caption "patcha nethala phalahaaram" (on 13-3-2018); "adigo thota ..... ivigo chetlu" (on 14-3-2018), "parihaaram mingina gaddalu... peddale (on 15-3-2018)" and Punaravaasamu Swaha" (on 16-3-2018) on Land Acquisition of Polavaram Irrigation Project. It was alleged that the lands belongs to Tribals were noted as non-tribal lands and compensation was paid to non-tribals and Tanks, Vagu, Vanka lands, Rural Roads were noted as cultivated lands and mentioned as Patta lands. It is further alleged that there is variation between draft notification for acquisition lands and Award Passed and Payment were made for already acquired lands and that the Revenue officials of Kukunoor Mandal colluded with TDP party people in tampering of records. It was also alleged that there is involvement of the IAS Officials in the entire issue and published the names of certain people and his name was specifically mentioned as being involved in this scam and requested the Government to accord sanction for filing a complaint before the competent Court against the Editor of "Sakshi" Telugu Daily News Paper.

2. The Government after careful examination of the matter and all the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said news items containing the allegations under the above captions and also makes imputations against the public servant namely Sri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari District, Eluru, appear to be defamatory in nature and likely to cause harm to the reputation of the officer beyond redemption, and also mar the prestige and dignity of the officer very badly, and it is expedient to launch necessary prosecution against the Chief Editor of "Sakshi" Telugu Daily News paper in a Court of competent jurisdiction.

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 199 (4) (b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, Government hereby, accord sanction to the concerned Public Prosecutor to make a complaint before the competent Court against the Editor of 'Sakshi' daily Newspaper for publishing baseless allegation on acquisition of land for Polavaram Irrigation Project against Sri Bhaskar Katamneni, IAS, Collector & District Magistrate, West Godavari District, Eluru.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DINESH KUMAR
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Bhaskar Katamaneni, IAS,
Collector & District Magistrate,
W.G. Dist., Eluru.

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